

## REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 14, 2005. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12, 15-44 and 47-69 are presented for examination. Claims 13, 14, 45 and 46 have been cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 2, 8, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 21-27, 31-34, 40, 43, 44, 47, 49, 50, 53-59, 64 and 67-69 have been amended. Support for the claim changes can be found in the original specification, and therefore no new matter has been added. Claims 1, 29, 33, 61 and 67 are in independent form.

Claim 44 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 44 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

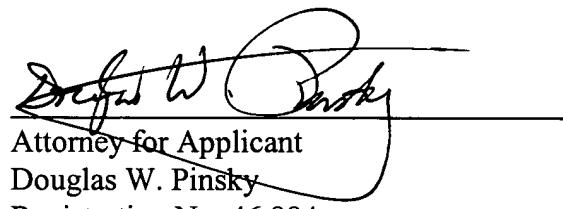
Applicant notes with appreciation the rejoinder of the non-elected claims and the indication that Claims 29-31 and 61-63 are allowed and that Claims 14-21, 32, 46-53, 64 and 69 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim. In that regard, independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of dependent Claim 14 and intervening dependent Claim 13, independent Claim 33 has been amended to incorporate the features of dependent Claim 46 and intervening dependent Claim 45, and independent Claim 67 has been amended in similar fashion. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 29, 33, 61 and 67 are believed to be allowable. The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or

another of the independent claims and are therefore also believed allowable. Accordingly, the subject application is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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